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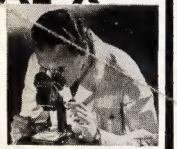

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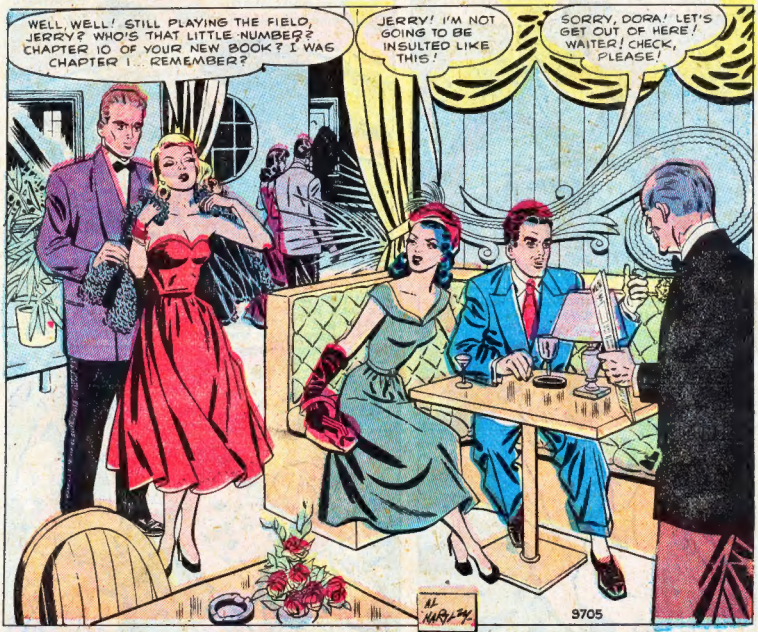
A WOMAN SCORNED


WELL, WELL! STILL PLAYING THE FIELD, JERRY? WHO'S THAT LITTLE NUMBER? CHAPTER 10 OF YOUR NEW BOOK? I WAS CHAPTER 1... REMEMBER?
JERRY! I'M NOT GOING TO BE INSULTED LIKE THIS!
SORRY, DORA! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! WAITER! CHECK, PLEASE!
AL HARLEY
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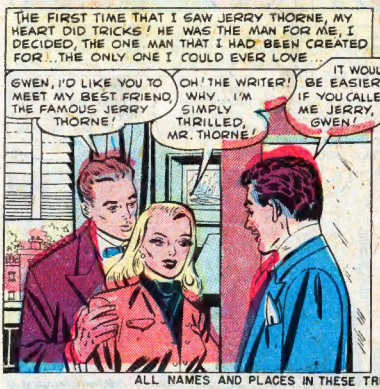
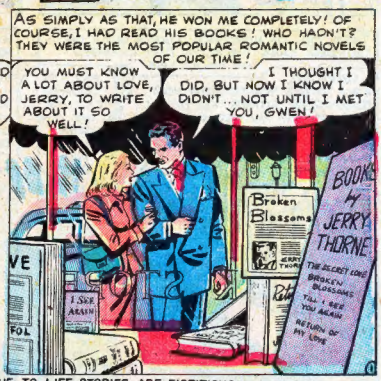

THE FIRST TIME THAT I SAW JERRY THORNE, MY HEART DID TRICKS! HE WAS THE MAN FOR ME, I DECIDED, THE ONE MAN THAT I HAD BEEN CREATED FOR!..THE ONLY ONE I COULD EVER LOVE...
GWEN, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY BEST FRIEND, THE FAMOUS JERRY THORNE!
OH! THE WRITER! WHY...I'M SIMPLY THRILLED, MR. THORNE!
IT WOULD BE EASIER IF YOU CALLED ME JERRY, GWEN!


AS SIMPLY AS THAT, HE WON ME COMPLETELY! OF COURSE, I HAD READ HIS BOOKS! WHO HADN'T? THEY WERE THE MOST POPULAR ROMANTIC NOVELS OF OUR TIME!
YOU MUST KNOW A LOT ABOUT LOVE, JERRY, TO WRITE ABOUT IT SO WELL!
I THOUGHT I DID, BUT NOW I KNOW I DIDN'T... NOT UNTIL I MET YOU, GWEN!
BOOKS by JERRY THORNE
Broken Blossoms
THE SECRET LOVE
BROKEN BLOSSOMS
TILL I SEE YOU AGAIN
RETURN OF MY LOVE
I SEE AGAIN

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
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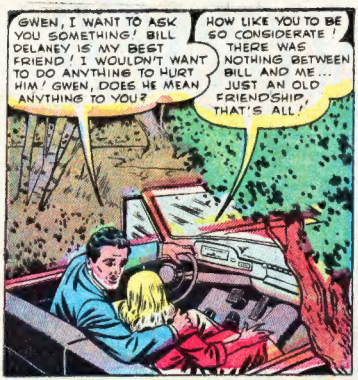
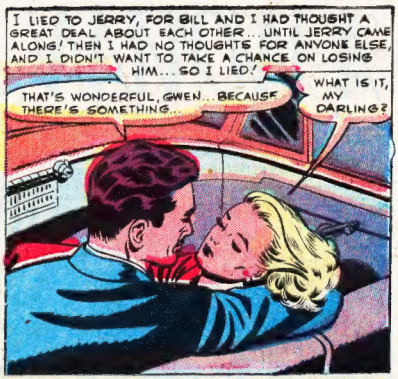
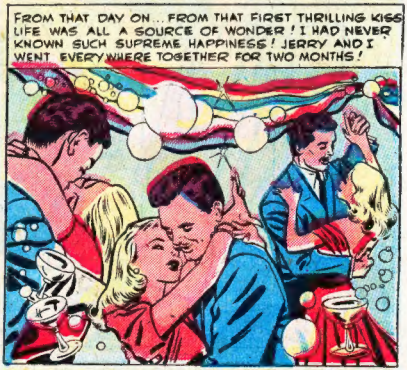
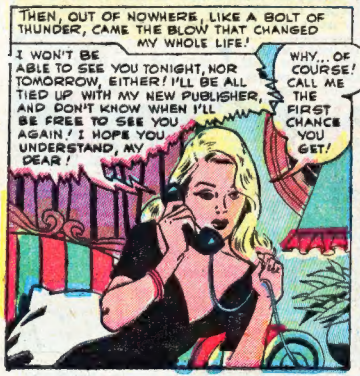
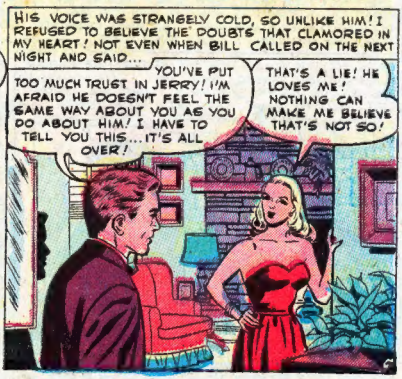

GWEN, I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING! BILL DELANEY IS MY BEST FRIEND! I WOULDN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO HURT HIM! GWEN, DOES HE MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?
HOW LIKE YOU TO BE SO CONSIDERATE! THERE WAS NOTHING BETWEEN BILL AND ME... JUST AN OLD FRIENDSHIP, THAT'S ALL!


I LIED TO JERRY, FOR BILL AND I HAD THOUGHT A GREAT DEAL ABOUT EACH OTHER... UNTIL JERRY CAME ALONG! THEN I HAD NO THOUGHTS FOR ANYONE ELSE, AND I DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE A CHANCE ON LOSING HIM... SO I LIED!
THAT'S WONDERFUL, GWEN... BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING...
WHAT IS IT, MY DARLING?

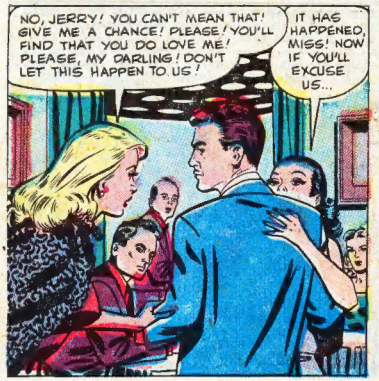
HIS KISS AND THE EMBRACE OF HIS ARMS WIPED OUT ALL MY REMEMBRANCES OF BILL...

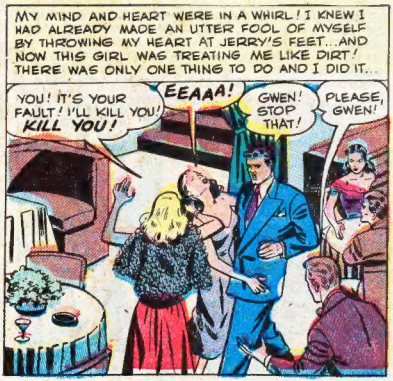

FROM THAT DAY ON... FROM THAT FIRST THRILLING KISS LIFE WAS ALL A SOURCE OF WONDER! I HAD NEVER KNOWN SUCH SUPREME HAPPINESS! JERRY AND I WENT EVERYWHERE TOGETHER FOR TWO MONTHS!


THEN, OUT OF NOWHERE, LIKE A BOLT OF THUNDER, CAME THE BLOW THAT CHANGED MY WHOLE LIFE!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU TONIGHT, NOR TOMORROW, EITHER! I'LL BE ALL TIED UP WITH MY NEW PUBLISHER, AND DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL BE FREE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND, MY DEAR!
WHY... OF COURSE! CALL ME THE FIRST CHANCE YOU GET!

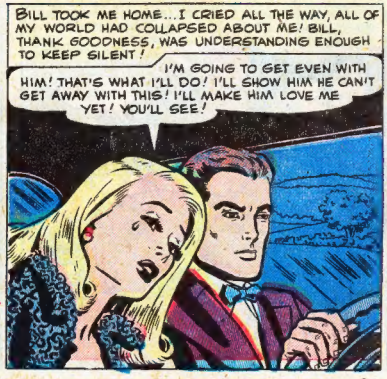

HIS VOICE WAS STRANGELY COLD, SO UNLIKE HIM! I REFUSED TO BELIEVE THE DOUBTS THAT CLAMORED IN MY HEART! NOT EVEN WHEN BILL CALLED ON THE NEXT NIGHT AND SAID...
YOU'VE PUT TOO MUCH TRUST IN JERRY! I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU AS YOU DO ABOUT HIM! I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS... IT'S ALL OVER!
THAT'S A LIE! HE LOVES ME! NOTHING CAN MAKE ME BELIEVE THAT'S NOT SO!

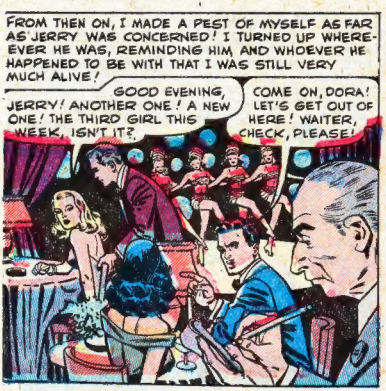
LOOK, GWEN, IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I THINK SO MUCH OF YOU THAT I DARE TO HURT YOU LIKE THIS! IT'S BETTER THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW NOW... THAN TO LIVE IN HOPES OF SOMETHING THAT JUST CAN'T BE! I KNOW YOU'LL HATE ME FOR THIS, BUT I HAD TO TELL YOU! MORE THAN THAT... I CAN PROVE IT TO YOU!
GO AHEAD! I DARE YOU TO! THAT'S HOW MUCH I THINK OF YOUR LIES!
AND HE PROVED IT TO ME, ALRIGHT! HE TOOK ME TO THE GOLDEN GARDENS... AND THERE WAS JERRY... WITH ANOTHER GIRL!
BUT... BUT HE SAID HE HAD A BUSINESS APPOINTMENT! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I'M SORRY, GWEN! VERY SORRY!
GWEN! COME BACK! DON'T MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF!
HELLO, JERRY! SO THIS IS WHY YOU COULDN'T SEE ME!
GWEN!
YOU LIED TO ME! HOW COULD YOU WHEN I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, JERRY? HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME?
PLEASE, GWEN, DON'T MAKE A SCENE! THIS IS NO PLACE FOR EXPLANATIONS! I'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW!
CAN'T YOU SEE WHEN YOU'RE NOT WANTED, MISS?
YOU! WHO ARE YOU TO TALK TO ME THAT WAY? JERRY AND I LOVE EACH OTHER! YOU DON'T BELONG! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ISN'T WANTED!
I'M SORRY, GWEN, BUT I NEVER SAID THAT I LOVED YOU!
WHAT? JERRY, WHAT IS THIS.. A HORRIBLE JOKE OF SOME KIND?
SINCE YOU ASK FOR IT, I'LL HAVE TO TELL YOU, GWEN! YOU, LIKE EVERY OTHER WOMAN I HAVE KNOWN, WERE SIMPLY ANOTHER EXPERIENCE FOR ME... A WOMAN WHOSE FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS I COULD PUT INTO MY BOOKS! I'M SORRY, BUT THAT'S ALL ANY WOMAN MEANS TO ME!


NO, JERRY! YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT! GIVE ME A CHANCE! PLEASE! YOU'LL FIND THAT YOU DO LOVE ME! PLEASE, MY DARLING! DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO US!
IT HAS HAPPENED, MISS! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US...

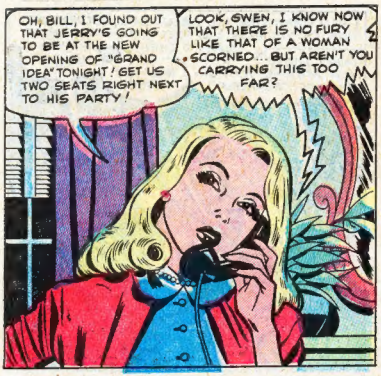

MY MIND AND HEART WERE IN A WHIRL! I KNEW I HAD ALREADY MADE AN UTTER FOOL OF MYSELF BY THROWING MY HEART AT JERRY'S FEET...AND NOW THIS GIRL WAS TREATING ME LIKE DIRT! THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO AND I DID IT...
YOU! IT'S YOUR FAULT! I'LL KILL YOU! KILL YOU!
EEAAA!
GWEN! STOP THAT!
PLEASE, GWEN!

I WAS ALL FURY! I WANTED TO TEAR HER APART, BLAMING HER FOR TAKING MY MAN AWAY FROM ME!
GWEN! STOP!
GET THOSE TWO WENCHES OUT OF MY PLACE!

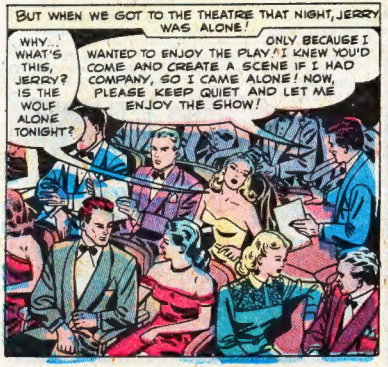

BILL TOOK ME HOME...I CRIED ALL THE WAY, ALL OF MY WORLD HAD COLLAPSED ABOUT ME! BILL, THANK GOODNESS, WAS UNDERSTANDING ENOUGH TO KEEP SILENT!
I'M GOING TO GET EVEN WITH HIM! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL SHOW HIM HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! I'LL MAKE HIM LOVE ME YET! YOU'LL SEE!

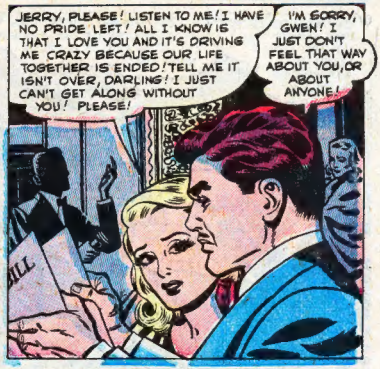

FROM THEN ON, I MADE A PEST OF MYSELF AS FAR AS JERRY WAS CONCERNED! I TURNED UP WHEREEVER HE WAS, REMINDING HIM AND WHOEVER HE HAPPENED TO BE WITH THAT I WAS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE!
GOOD EVENING, JERRY! ANOTHER ONE! A NEW ONE! THE THIRD GIRL THIS WEEK, ISN'T IT?
COME ON, DORA! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! WAITER, CHECK, PLEASE!

AND ALL THE WHILE BILL WAS WITH ME, PATIENTLY ESCORTING ME WHEREVER I WANTED TO GO! HE STOOD BY WHILE I WORKED MY REVENGE ON THE MAN I LOVED...
WELL...LOOK WHO'S HERE! STILL PLAYING THE FIELD, JERRY? WHO IS THAT... CHAPTER 10 IN YOUR NEW BOOK?
JERRY! I WON'T BE INSULTED LIKE THAT!
SORRY, LANA...!


OH, BILL, I FOUND OUT THAT JERRY'S GOING TO BE AT THE NEW OPENING OF "GRAND IDEA" TONIGHT! GET US TWO SEATS RIGHT NEXT TO HIS PARTY!
LOOK, GWEN, I KNOW NOW THAT THERE IS NO FURY LIKE THAT OF A WOMAN SCORNED... BUT AREN'T YOU CARRYING THIS TOO FAR?

IF YOU'VE HEARD THAT, THEN YOU KNOW THAT OTHER CLICHE..." ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR"! WELL, I'M IN LOVE, BILL... AND I'M DOING WHAT I CAN TO GET MY MAN BACK... IN MY OWN WAY! OF COURSE, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE ME, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE ELSE WHO'D BE GLAD TO...
SKIP IT, GWEN! I'LL GET THE TICKETS!


BUT WHEN WE GOT TO THE THEATRE THAT NIGHT, JERRY WAS ALONE!
WHY... WHAT'S THIS, JERRY? IS THE WOLF ALONE TONIGHT?
ONLY BECAUSE I WANTED TO ENJOY THE PLAY! I KNEW YOU'D COME AND CREATE A SCENE IF I HAD COMPANY, SO I CAME ALONE! NOW, PLEASE KEEP QUIET AND LET ME ENJOY THE SHOW!


JERRY, PLEASE! LISTEN TO ME! I HAVE NO PRIDE LEFT! ALL I KNOW IS THAT I LOVE YOU AND IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY BECAUSE OUR LIFE TOGETHER IS ENDED! TELL ME IT ISN'T OVER, DARLING! I JUST CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU! PLEASE!
I'M SORRY, GWEN! I JUST DON'T FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT YOU, OR ABOUT ANYONE!

I, GWEN, AM A WRITER! I FALL IN LOVE, YES, BUT ONLY WITH LOVE, NOT WITH ANY ONE WOMAN! I TAKE ALL MY SINCERE EMOTIONS OUT ON MY WRITING! I JUST HAVEN'T GOT ANY LEFT FOR ANYONE ELSE! THAT'S HOW IT IS, MY DEAR! I CAN'T HELP IT! PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND!
I UNDERSTAND ONLY THAT I LOVE YOU, NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY!

YES, I WAS DEGRADED, LOW, WITHOUT PRIDE OR SENSE OF HONOR! MY LOVE HAD MADE ME LOSE ALL SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE! SHAMELESSLY, BEFORE ALL THOSE PEOPLE, I THREW MY ARMS AROUND HIM!
JERRY! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU!
OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE, GWEN! THAT'S ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE! NOW LET ME ALONE!
PLAYBILL

FURIOUSLY, HE SHOVED ME AWAY FROM HIM, WHILE I PLEADED SHAMELESSLY FOR A BIT OF HIS LOVE!
PLEASE, JERRY! PLEASE, DON'T TREAT ME LIKE THIS! PLEASE!
GET OUT OF HERE!
DOWN IN FRONT!
OH, BOY! LOOK! A FIGHT!
I HAD FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT BILL, BUT NOW HE WAS ON HIS FEET, HIS FIST CRASHING AGAINST JERRY'S CHIN!
DON'T SHOVE HER AROUND, YOU PEN-PUSHING CASANOVA!
BILL! YOU BRUTE!
UGHH!
OH! HOW COULD YOU? HOW COULD YOU HIT THE MAN I LOVE, YOU HEARTLESS GORILLA?
I...OH, ALRIGHT, GWEN! THIS IS YOUR DISH OF TEA, I GUESS! I'LL STAY OUT OF IT FROM NOW ON!
BILL WALKED OUT AND I PAID NO FURTHER ATTENTION TO HIM! I WAS TOO BUSY WITH JERRY!
SAY! WHAT'S GOING ON? DO YOU WANT THAT MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT?
NO! PLEASE PUT MR. THORNE IN MY CAR! I'LL SEE THAT HE'S ALRIGHT!
NOW HE WAS IN MY CAR, AND WE WERE ALONE, SOMETHING I HAD DREAMED OF FOR A LONG TIME! HIS HEAD WAS PILLOWED ON MY SHOULDER AS HE MURMURED TO ME...
GWEN, I'VE BEEN ALL WRONG ABOUT YOU AND ME! I CAN SEE THAT NOW! I'M THRU PLAYING WITH LOVE! AFTER SEEING YOUR LOYALTY TO ME NO MATTER WHAT I DID, I KNOW NOW WHAT LOVE CAN BE! CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
YES, JERRY! I FORGIVE YOU..
I RESENTED YOU ALL THE WHILE, AFTER I THOUGHT I WAS THRU WITH YOU, BUT I SEE THAT NOW I COULDN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU! YOU FOUGHT FOR ME AND MY LOVE LIKE A TIGER, MY DARLING! I'M GLAD NOW THAT I SEE THE TRUTH AT LAST!
I SEE IT, TOO, NOW, JERRY! WE'RE AT YOUR PLACE NOW! DO YOU FEEL WELL ENOUGH TO GET UPSTAIRS BY YOURSELF?
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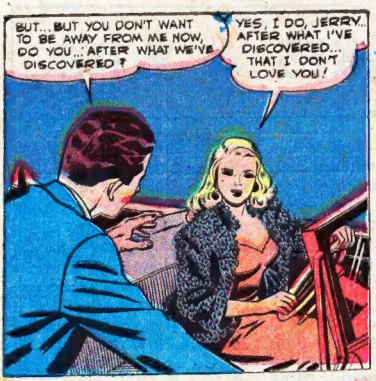
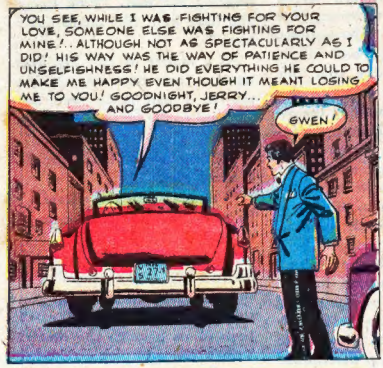
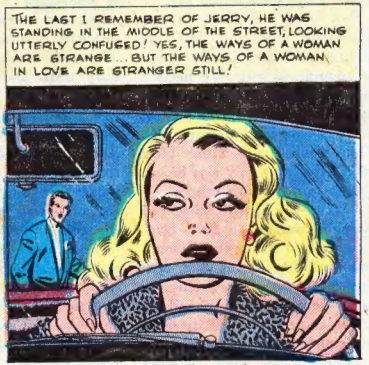
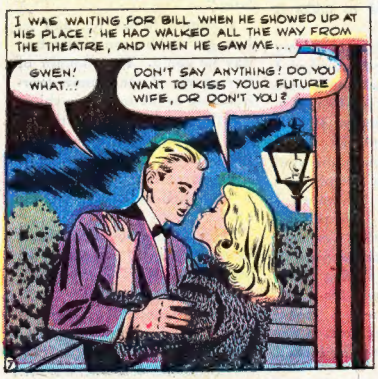
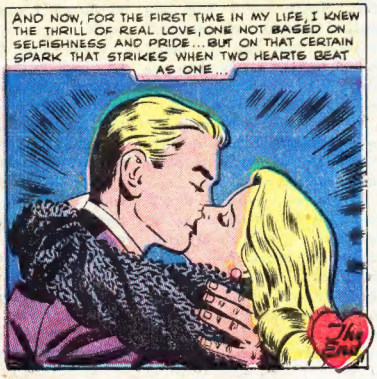

BUT... BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE AWAY FROM ME NOW, DO YOU... AFTER WHAT WE'VE DISCOVERED?
YES, I DO, JERRY.. AFTER WHAT I'VE DISCOVERED... THAT I DON'T LOVE YOU!

WHAT? GWEN, NO! YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!
I DO, VERY MUCH! I NEVER LOVED YOU, JERRY! IT WASN'T MY HEART THAT WAS HURT, IT WAS MY PRIDE! I FOUND THAT OUT TONIGHT, TOO... VERY SIMPLY!


YOU SEE, WHILE I WAS FIGHTING FOR YOUR LOVE, SOMEONE ELSE WAS FIGHTING FOR MINE!.. ALTHOUGH NOT AS SPECTACULARLY AS I DID! HIS WAY WAS THE WAY OF PATIENCE AND UNSELFISHNESS! HE DID EVERYTHING HE COULD TO MAKE ME HAPPY, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT LOSING ME TO YOU! GOODNIGHT, JERRY... AND GOODBYE!
GWEN!


THE LAST I REMEMBER OF JERRY, HE WAS STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET, LOOKING UTTERLY CONFUSED! YES, THE WAYS OF A WOMAN ARE STRANGE... BUT THE WAYS OF A WOMAN IN LOVE ARE STRANGER STILL!


I WAS WAITING FOR BILL WHEN HE SHOWED UP AT HIS PLACE! HE HAD WALKED ALL THE WAY FROM THE THEATRE, AND WHEN HE SAW ME...
GWEN! WHAT..!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING! DO YOU WANT TO KISS YOUR FUTURE WIFE, OR DON'T YOU?


AND NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I KNEW THE THRILL OF REAL LOVE, ONE NOT BASED ON SELFISHNESS AND PRIDE... BUT ON THAT CERTAIN SPARK THAT STRIKES WHEN TWO HEARTS BEAT AS ONE...
The End

THE DUDE TAKES A WIFE

THE moon hung low over the pale prairie as I rode up to the ranch. Only a thin stream of light shone from a back window, and I knew that Dad had waited up for me. I dismounted Big Red, led her into her stall for the night and then proceeded up the path toward the front porch. I didn't want to face Dad just yet; I hadn't prepared myself for the words I knew he would say.

Bad luck had lived in our household for the last six months and now it was about to squeeze us out. We needed money to pay back our mortgage before Mr. Hawkins at the bank decided to foreclose. That would be a bitter blow for Dad whose only aim in life was to own his own ranch.

When I finally mustered enough courage to face Dad, I found him sitting in the small room Mother and I had converted into an office. Seeing me in the doorway, he motioned for me to come in and sit down in the empty chair beside him.

"Ever since your Mother died, Sandy, we've had one spell of bad luck after another," he said, "and now I'm being forced to take a step that you won't like at all. I'm sorry, but there's no other way."

"I know what you are going to say, Dad," I said quietly. "You want to turn the place into a dude ranch."

Dad seemed relieved that I had read his thoughts, as he breathed a deep sigh of resignation. He knew how I felt about dude ranches and the slick, rich, city folk who flocked to ranch houses to see how the other half lived. I had always hated them and their big cars and manners of condescension to the ranch hands and cowpunchers, as if their rich manners gave them special privileges. I was bitter, yes, but after growing up and seeing them mar the beauty of the desert with their misuse of nature, I couldn't help it.

After I had agreed to help Dad make our ranch a full-time dude ranch, he immediately contacted a nearby friend of his and began to arrange for publicity and decorations. These chores kept both of us busy until the day that our guests arrived.

We had been awaiting the arrival of a Mr. Timothy Vancouver, who had written to say that he'd pay any amount of money we asked to keep our list of guests to a minimum. He didn't like crowds, he said. This man would probably be a short, bald, stocky individual, dull and difficult to handle, and the thought of our selling space to him made me slightly ill. Still, Dad and I had made a bargain and I was determined to do all I could to make it work.

I was riding Big Red on my way back to the ranch, when I noticed a small red convertible far down the side of the mountain, on the highway. It had stopped, and from the sound that traveled through the thin air, the driver was having difficulty in starting the motor. I turned Big Red toward the automobile, and in a few moments we were approaching it.

At the sound of Big Red's hoofs a man turned his head, and I saw that he was young and somewhat handsome. It was difficult to tell, since he looked as if he had stuck his head into all the grease he could find under the hood of his car.

"Hello, there," he greeted me like a lost friend. "Can you lend a fellow-traveler a hand?"

"What seems to be the trouble?" I asked as I came alongside his car.

"I'm not sure, but I've lost all interest in finding out." He got out of the car and began stroking Big Red. "Fine horse you have here. She seems quite tame."

As a matter of fact Big Red was far from tame and, beside myself, I had never seen her respond to the affection of anyone.

"Where are you headed for?" I asked him.

"I'm due at the Coby Ranch," he said, "not far from here, I think."

"Coby's?" I asked in surprise. "That's my Dad's ranch."

"Well, I am in luck. Do you think your horse would carry both of us back to the ranch? I can arrange to pick up the car later."

I wanted to say no, and let him get to the ranch the best way he could. The thought of having one of our summer tourists close to me made me shiver a little, but I remembered Dad and his plea for me to be nice to everyone.

"I guess it'll be all right," I said half-heartedly. "Climb up."

"Not a hospitable invitation," he said, "but I'll come anyway. My name is Timothy Vancouver. What's yours?"

"Sandy Coby," I said, giving him a hand so that he could pull himself up.

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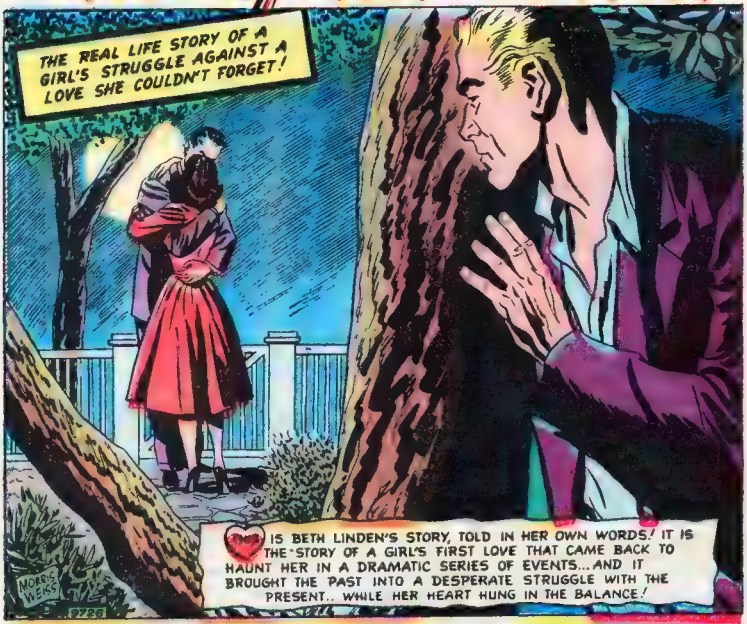
THE REAL LIFE STORY OF A GIRL'S STRUGGLE AGAINST A LOVE SHE COULDN'T FORGET!
IS BETH LINDEN'S STORY, TOLD IN HER OWN WORDS! IT IS THE STORY OF A GIRL'S FIRST LOVE THAT CAME BACK TO HAUNT HER IN A DRAMATIC SERIES OF EVENTS... AND IT BROUGHT THE PAST INTO A DESPERATE STRUGGLE WITH THE PRESENT.. WHILE HER HEART HUNG IN THE BALANCE!
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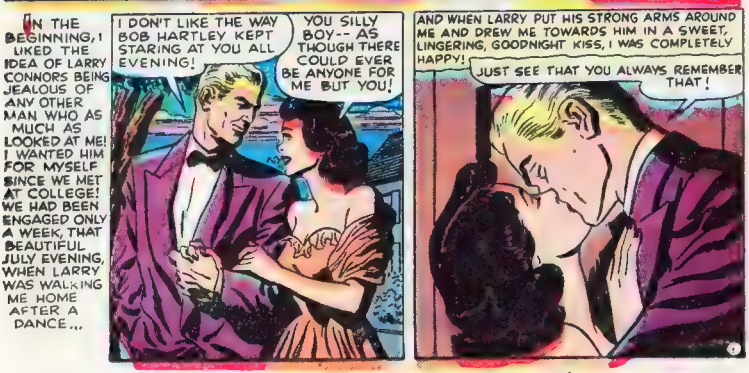

IN THE BEGINNING, I LIKED THE IDEA OF LARRY CONNORS BEING JEALOUS OF ANY OTHER MAN WHO AS MUCH AS LOOKED AT ME! I WANTED HIM FOR MYSELF SINCE WE MET AT COLLEGE! WE HAD BEEN ENGAGED ONLY A WEEK, THAT BEAUTIFUL JULY EVENING, WHEN LARRY WAS WALKING ME HOME AFTER A DANCE...
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY BOB HARTLEY KEPT STARING AT YOU ALL EVENING!
YOU SILLY BOY-- AS THOUGH THERE COULD EVER BE ANYONE FOR ME BUT YOU!
AND WHEN LARRY PUT HIS STRONG ARMS AROUND ME AND DREW ME TOWARDS HIM IN A SWEET, LINGERING, GOODNIGHT KISS, I WAS COMPLETELY HAPPY!
JUST SEE THAT YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT!

PERHAPS EVERY GIRL LIKES TO BE DOMINATED TO SOME EXTENT BY THE MAN SHE LOVES--AT ANY RATE, I DID AT FIRST, BUT LARRY CARRIED IT ON UNTIL IT BECAME SHEER RUDENESS! IT WAS ABOUT TWO MONTHS LATER AT THE LOCAL COUNTRY CLUB ANNUAL DANCE--LARRY HAD A FEW DRINKS AND HE IGNORED ME COMPLETELY! TOM WARREN MUST HAVE FELT SORRY FOR ME, AND HE ASKED ME FOR A DANCE...

CHEER UP, BETH--LARRY'S JUST A LITTLE UNDER THE WEATHER!

THANKS, TOM!

KNOCK IT OFF, TOM! I DON'T LIKE ANYBODY DANCIN' WITH MY GIRL!

OKAY, LARRY--I THOUGHT YOU'D FORGOTTEN HER!

AND HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO KEEP AWAY FROM THESE GUYS!

TAKE IT EASY, LARRY--YOU'VE JUST HAD ONE TOO MANY!

LARRY--PLEASE--YOU'RE HURTING MY HAND!

LARRY WAS LIKE A MADMAN--FURIOUSLY, ALMOST SAVAGELY, HE LASHED OUT AT TOM...

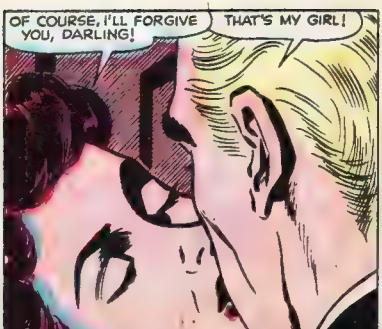
SURE I'LL TAKE IT EASY--RIGHT ON YOUR CHIN!

YOU--YOU'VE HURT HIM!

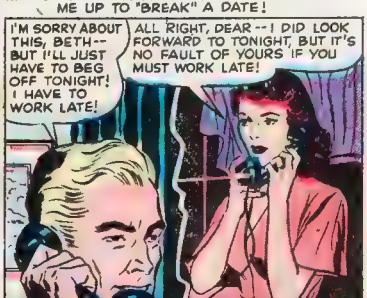
HE'S NOT HURT--BUT FROM NOW ON HE'LL KNOW ENOUGH TO KEEP AWAY FROM YOU!

WHEN I SAW TOM LYING ON THE GROUND, I WENT HOME MYSELF, DETERMINED THAT I WOULD BREAK MY ENGAGEMENT WITH LARRY... BUT A LITTLE LATER, WHEN I GOT TO MY HOUSE, LARRY WAS THERE WAITING FOR ME!

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I LOST MY TEMPER, HONEY... IT'S JUST THAT I CAN'T STAND TO SEE ANYONE ELSE MAKE A PLAY FOR YOU--I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH!

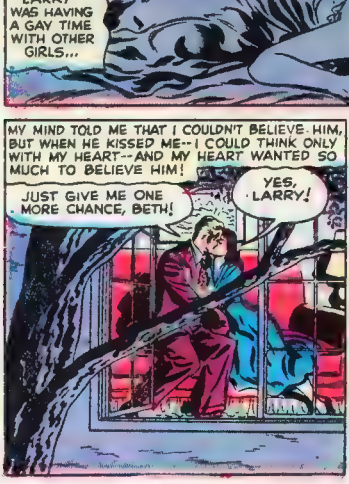


LARRY'S KISS SEEMED TO REASSURE ME, BUT IT WAS ONLY TWO DAYS LATER THAT HE CALLED ME UP TO "BREAK" A DATE!


I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS, BETH--BUT I'LL JUST HAVE TO BEG OFF TONIGHT! I HAVE TO WORK LATE!
ALL RIGHT, DEAR--I DID LOOK FORWARD TO TONIGHT, BUT IT'S NO FAULT OF YOURS IF YOU MUST WORK LATE!

BUT I LATER FOUND OUT THAT LARRY DIDN'T WORK THAT NIGHT--HE WAS OUT WITH ANOTHER GIRL! IT WAS NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE, FOR HE LIED TO ME MANY TIMES AFTER THAT--AND WHILE I SPENT MANY NIGHTS WEEPING, LARRY WAS HAVING A GAY TIME WITH OTHER GIRLS...

AND WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO BREAK OFF WITH HIM, LARRY CAME BACK, PLEADING...
IT CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS, LARRY!
IT WON'T, HONEY--I PROMISE! I'LL NEVER GO OUT WITH ANY OTHER GIRL AGAIN--BELIEVE ME!


MY MIND TOLD ME THAT I COULDN'T BELIEVE HIM, BUT WHEN HE KISSED ME--I COULD THINK ONLY WITH MY HEART--AND MY HEART WANTED SO MUCH TO BELIEVE HIM!
JUST GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE, BETH!
YES, LARRY!

TO MY DELIGHT, LARRY DID KEEP HIS WORD...AND FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, HE DIDN'T GO OUT WITH ANY OTHER GIRLS, TO MY KNOWLEDGE ...THEN, AT A DANCE, I LOST SIGHT OF HIM FOR A FEW MINUTES... WHEN I SAW HIM HE WAS OUT ON THE TERRACE--WITH SOME WOMAN--IN A FOND EMBRACE!

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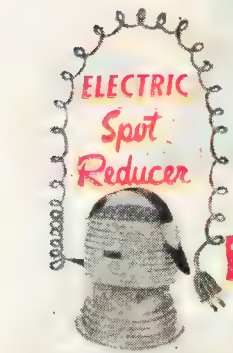

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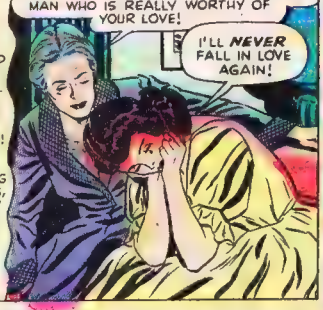
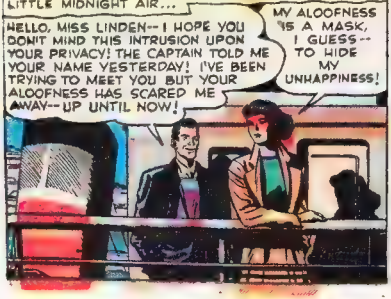

I KNOW HOW YOU MUST FEEL, CHILD--BUT BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT IT'S FOR THE BEST! SOMEDAY YOU'LL REALIZE THAT--WHEN YOU MEET THE MAN WHO IS REALLY WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE!
I'LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN!

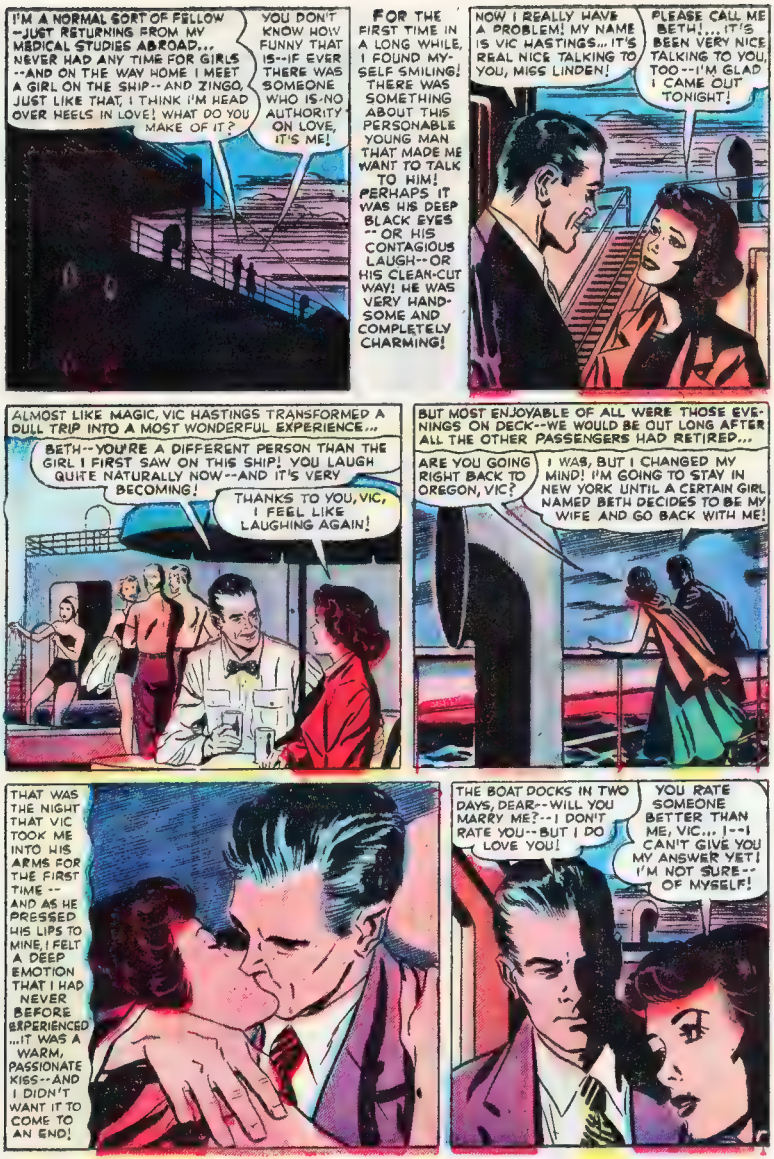
I DIDN'T SEE LARRY AFTER THAT, AND I WAS TOLD THAT HE LEFT TOWN A WEEK LATER.. TWO YEARS DRAGGED BY AND I NEVER WENT OUT WITH ANOTHER MAN... I WAS STILL NURSING MY WOUNDS! IT WAS A DAY IN LATE JULY THAT MOTHER MADE A SUGGESTION...

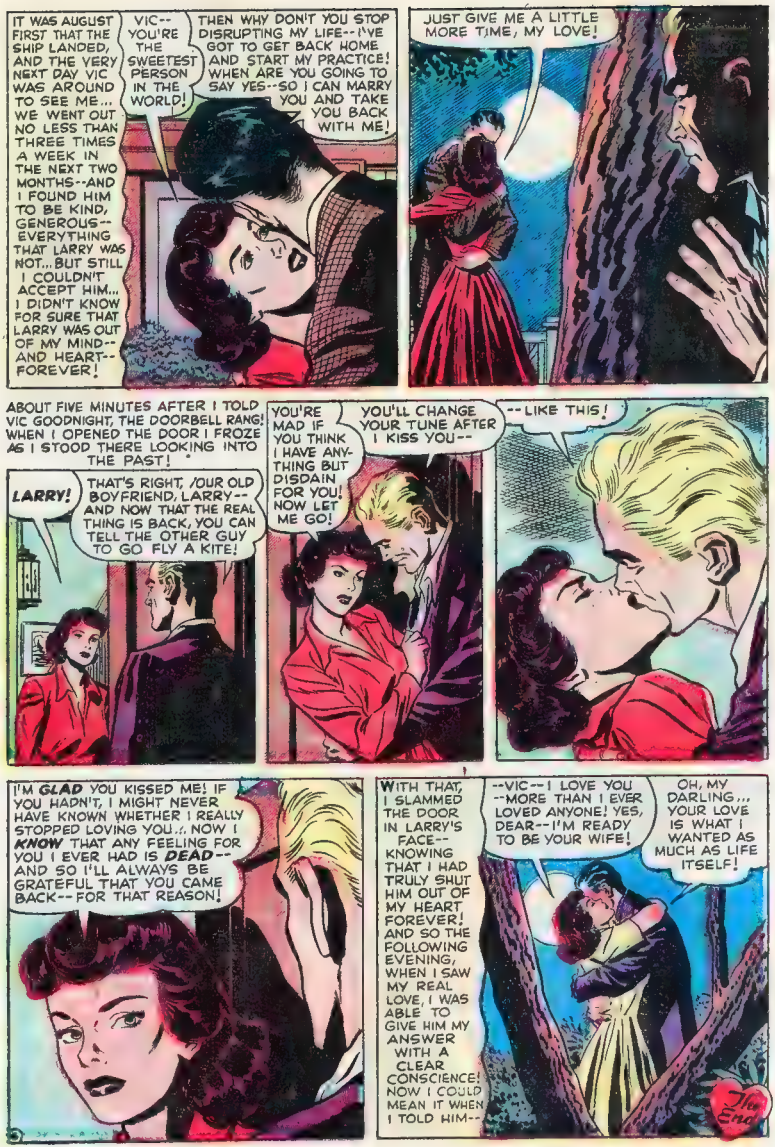
BETH, I CAN'T STAND TO SEE YOU MOPING AROUND THE HOUSE LIKE THIS! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE IT IF WE TOOK A TRIP--WE COULD VISIT ENGLAND!
ALL RIGHT, MOTHER--IF YOU'D LIKE TO!

A FEW DAYS LATER MOTHER AND I WENT ON A TRIP TO ENGLAND... IT WAS VERY PLEASANT, BUT I CARRIED MY HEAVY HEART WITH ME--I HAD BECOME VERY LONELY BY THEN...WE WERE AT SEA A COUPLE OF DAYS ON OUR TRIP HOME WHEN I WENT OUT ON DECK TO GET A LITTLE MIDNIGHT AIR...


HELLO, MISS LINDEN--I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND THIS INTRUSION UPON YOUR PRIVACY! THE CAPTAIN TOLD ME YOUR NAME YESTERDAY! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO MEET YOU BUT YOUR ALOOFNESS HAS SCARED ME AWAY--UP UNTIL NOW!
MY ALOOFNESS IS A MASK, I GUESS--TO HIDE MY UNHAPPINESS!

HMMM...MISS LINDEN, I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST A REMEDY FOR THAT! WHEN PEOPLE ARE VERY UNHAPPY, IT'S GENERALLY BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THEMSELVES TOO MUCH! IT ALWAYS HELPS TO BECOME INTERESTED IN SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEMS! NOW, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT MY TROUBLES?
ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR, I'LL BE A GOOD LISTENER! TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOUR TROUBLES!


I'M A NORMAL SORT OF FELLOW --JUST RETURNING FROM MY MEDICAL STUDIES ABROAD... NEVER HAD ANY TIME FOR GIRLS --AND ON THE WAY HOME I MEET A GIRL ON THE SHIP--AND ZINGO, JUST LIKE THAT, I THINK I'M HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW FUNNY THAT IS--IF EVER THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO IS-NO AUTHORITY ON LOVE, IT'S ME!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG WHILE, I FOUND MYSELF SMILING! THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PERSONABLE YOUNG MAN THAT MADE ME WANT TO TALK TO HIM! PERHAPS IT WAS HIS DEEP BLACK EYES --OR HIS CONTAGIOUS LAUGH--OR HIS CLEAN-CUT WAY! HE WAS VERY HANDSOME AND COMPLETELY CHARMING!
NOW I REALLY HAVE A PROBLEM! MY NAME IS VIC HASTINGS... IT'S REAL NICE TALKING TO YOU, MISS LINDEN!
PLEASE CALL ME BETH!... IT'S BEEN VERY NICE TALKING TO YOU, TOO--I'M GLAD I CAME OUT TONIGHT!
ALMOST LIKE MAGIC, VIC HASTINGS TRANSFORMED A DULL TRIP INTO A MOST WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE...
BETH--YOU'RE A DIFFERENT PERSON THAN THE GIRL I FIRST SAW ON THIS SHIP! YOU LAUGH QUITE NATURALLY NOW--AND IT'S VERY BECOMING!
THANKS TO YOU, VIC, I FEEL LIKE LAUGHING AGAIN!
BUT MOST ENJOYABLE OF ALL WERE THOSE EVENINGS ON DECK--WE WOULD BE OUT LONG AFTER ALL THE OTHER PASSENGERS HAD RETIRED...
ARE YOU GOING RIGHT BACK TO OREGON, VIC?
I WAS, BUT I CHANGED MY MIND! I'M GOING TO STAY IN NEW YORK UNTIL A CERTAIN GIRL NAMED BETH DECIDES TO BE MY WIFE AND GO BACK WITH ME!
THAT WAS THE NIGHT THAT VIC TOOK ME INTO HIS ARMS FOR THE FIRST TIME -- AND AS HE PRESSED HIS LIPS TO MINE, I FELT A DEEP EMOTION THAT I HAD NEVER BEFORE EXPERIENCED ...IT WAS A WARM, PASSIONATE KISS--AND I DIDN'T WANT IT TO COME TO AN END!
THE BOAT DOCKS IN TWO DAYS, DEAR--WILL YOU MARRY ME?--I DON'T RATE YOU--BUT I DO LOVE YOU!
YOU RATE SOMEONE BETTER THAN ME, VIC... I--I CAN'T GIVE YOU MY ANSWER YET! I'M NOT SURE--OF MYSELF!


IT WAS AUGUST FIRST THAT THE SHIP LANDED, AND THE VERY NEXT DAY VIC WAS AROUND TO SEE ME... WE WENT OUT NO LESS THAN THREE TIMES A WEEK IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS--AND I FOUND HIM TO BE KIND, GENEROUS--EVERYTHING THAT LARRY WAS NOT...BUT STILL I COULDN'T ACCEPT HIM... I DIDN'T KNOW FOR SURE THAT LARRY WAS OUT OF MY MIND--AND HEART--FOREVER!
VIC--YOU'RE THE SWEETEST PERSON IN THE WORLD!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU STOP DISRUPTING MY LIFE--I'VE GOT TO GET BACK HOME AND START MY PRACTICE! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SAY YES--SO I CAN MARRY YOU AND TAKE YOU BACK WITH ME!
JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME, MY LOVE!
ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AFTER I TOLD VIC GOODNIGHT, THE DOORBELL RANG! WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR I FROZE AS I STOOD THERE LOOKING INTO THE PAST!
LARRY!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOUR OLD BOYFRIEND, LARRY--AND NOW THAT THE REAL THING IS BACK, YOU CAN TELL THE OTHER GUY TO GO FLY A KITE!
YOU'RE MAD IF YOU THINK I HAVE ANYTHING BUT DISDAIN FOR YOU! NOW LET ME GO!
YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR TUNE AFTER I KISS YOU--
--LIKE THIS!
I'M GLAD YOU KISSED ME! IF YOU HADN'T, I MIGHT NEVER HAVE KNOWN WHETHER I REALLY STOPPED LOVING YOU... NOW I KNOW THAT ANY FEELING FOR YOU I EVER HAD IS DEAD--AND SO I'LL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL THAT YOU CAME BACK--FOR THAT REASON!
WITH THAT, I SLAMMED THE DOOR IN LARRY'S FACE--KNOWING THAT I HAD TRULY SHUT HIM OUT OF MY HEART FOREVER! AND SO THE FOLLOWING EVENING, WHEN I SAW MY REAL LOVE, I WAS ABLE TO GIVE HIM MY ANSWER WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE! NOW I COULD MEAN IT WHEN I TOLD HIM--
--VIC--I LOVE YOU --MORE THAN I EVER LOVED ANYONE! YES, DEAR--I'M READY TO BE YOUR WIFE!
OH, MY DARLING... YOUR LOVE IS WHAT I WANTED AS MUCH AS LIFE ITSELF!
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"Wonderful name, Sandy. Call me Tim."

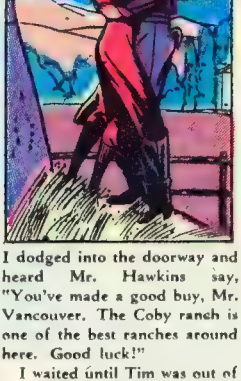
Tim took the reins of Big Red and she seemed overjoyed. She rode us gently back as if we both were fragile. So this was Timothy Vancouver, I said to myself. Funny how wrong one can be. Tim was far from bald and stocky. His arms were strong and protective, and I had to admit to myself that I was enjoying myself. We talked very little, but his words weren't the usual line that I had heard from tourists before; we talked about the scenery and the ranch and the restful atmosphere.

When we arrived at the ranch, he was shown to his room and I saw no more of him until evening. He came down to dinner in sport clothes of simple taste, and I was glad that he didn't wear the gaudy outfits of most dudes. He looked cool and comfortable.

I didn't go out of my way to mix with the guests, as I still nursed my prejudice against them, but I did run into Tim now and then. He was always pleasant, and once I went for a ride with him in his automobile, when he asked me to show him the countryside. Tim was upsetting my whole little world. He was showing me the side to the dude that I had never known before.

I found myself wanting to be with him at every opportunity. I couldn't believe that I could ever care for a man who was brought up in a convertible, not the saddle, but I couldn't fight my feelings. Our romance was a whirlwind affair that seemed more like a dream than reality. We went for picnics in the glare of the afternoon sun. Tim helped me with a few incidental chores in the kitchen for the guests, and in the evening we'd saddle Big Red and ride along the moonlit plains. I told him about our hard luck and about the mortgage that hung over our heads; Tim was sympathetic. He seemed particularly interested in the mortgage on the ranch, and I gave him all the details that I knew. I didn't tell Dad about it, because he had warned me not to confide in any of the tourists. They might possibly get ideas about buying the ranch for themselves.

The day that I made a trip into town for supplies was the day that my dreams of Tim and myself tumbled down into a heap. As I was coming out of Collins' Grocery next door to the bank, I saw Tim and Mr. Hawkins standing on the steps.



I dodged into the doorway and heard Mr. Hawkins say, "You've made a good buy, Mr. Vancouver. The Coby ranch is one of the best ranches around here. Good luck!"

I waited until Tim was out of sight before I started for home. It was impossible for me to control my tears, and all the bitter resentment I had felt toward the rich summer tourists returned. I had been right, I told myself—they were all alike. I had listened to Tim's smooth line and the ranch had been sold right out from under our noses. Dad would never forgive me!

I couldn't understand why Tim had made such a sly game of our love, but here was the proof. Why should he be different? The more I thought of the ranch in Tim's hands, the faster the tears came. By the time I had reached the ranch, I was exhausted.

When I rode up to the back door on Big Red, Tim was waiting for me with a grin on his face. I didn't bother to stop and ran quickly into the kitchen. Dad was eating his breakfast, but he looked up when I came in.

"What's the matter, honey?" he said, when he saw my tear-stained face. "What's happened?"

"It's Tim," I said with all the bitterness that had been growing in me since the scene at the bank. "He's bought the ranch!"

"Of course he has, baby," Dad said with a smile. "I knew that."

"But, Dad, don't you see what this means?" I was confused.

"It just means that I love you, Sandy," Tim's voice said behind me. "I bought the ranch for us. Of course we'll need Dad to help us run it, but he was more than willing."

I dropped into the chair by Dad and buried my head in my arms. "I've been so wrong, Tim," I said. "So wrong that I wouldn't even want you to know what I thought."

"If you'd just take the chip off your shoulder about us dudes," he said as he pulled me up from the chair, "everything will be fine."

Knocking that chip off my shoulder was easy. I had come close to ruining my chance for love and for making the Coby Ranch one of the outstanding dude ranches in Arizona. So I've changed my mind about dudes . . . I even married one!

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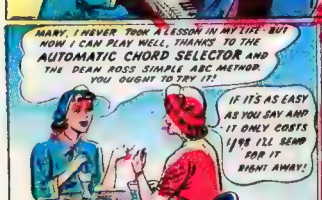
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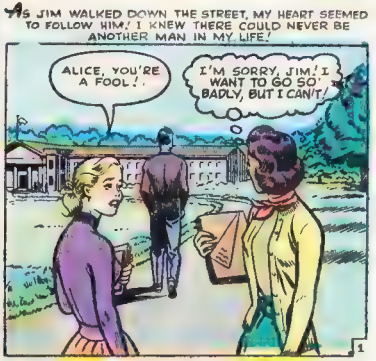
AS JIM WALKED DOWN THE STREET, MY HEART SEEMED TO FOLLOW HIM.' I KNEW THERE COULD NEVER BE ANOTHER MAN IN MY LIFE.'
ALICE, YOU'RE A FOOL!.
I'M SORRY, JIM.' I WANT TO GO SO BADLY, BUT I CAN'T!
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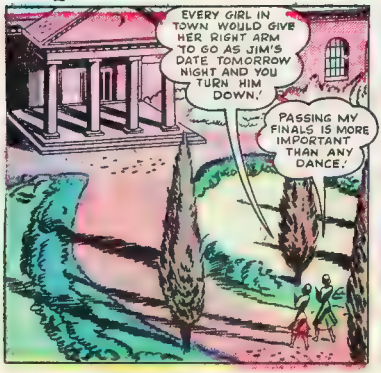
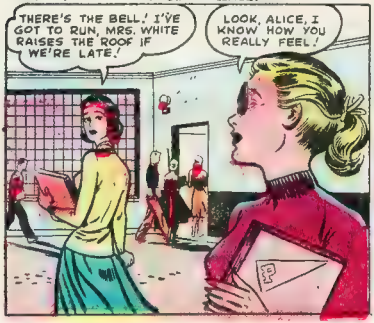
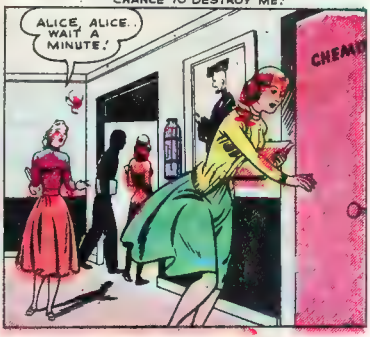

EVERY GIRL IN TOWN WOULD GIVE HER RIGHT ARM TO GO AS JIM'S DATE TOMORROW NIGHT AND YOU TURN HIM DOWN.'
PASSING MY FINALS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY DANCE.'

OH, DON'T GIVE ME THAT LINE, ALICE.' YOU'RE AFRAID TO EXPOSE YOUR HEART TO A MAN! YOU'RE THINKING OF FRED AGAIN.'
NO! NO! LEAVE ME ALONE, JANET. PLEASE.'

WHEN THE BELL RANG FOR CLASSES I WAS RELIEVED.' JANET'S PROBING MADE ME PANICKY.' I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT EVEN TO MYSELF THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN JIM WALLACE.'

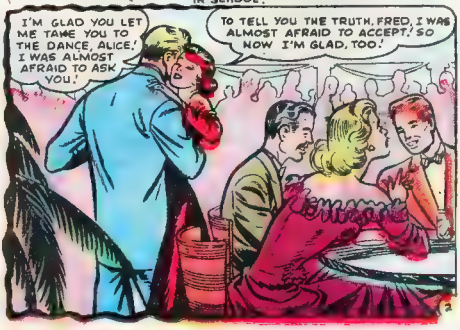


I JUST COULDN'T BEAR TO HAVE HER TALK ABOUT IT.' I WAS AFRAID... AFRAID I MIGHT GIVE LOVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO DESTROY ME.'



KNOWING THAT JIM WALLACE WAS INTERESTED IN ME SENT A THRILL THRU MY ENTIRE BEING.' I WANTED HIM TO LIKE ME, TO HOLD MY HAND, TO KISS ME.' BUT I WAS AFRAID OF A MEMORY THAT FOLLOWED ME WHEREVER I WENT, OF A BOY NAMED FRED..

FRED JOHNSON WAS A BOY I HAD WORSHIPPED ALL THRU HIGH SCHOOL.' HE WAS HANDSOME, POPULAR, AND THE SMARTEST BOY IN SCHOOL.'


I'M GLAD YOU LET ME TAME YOU TO THE DANCE, ALICE.' I WAS ALMOST AFRAID TO ASK YOU.'
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, FRED, I WAS ALMOST AFRAID TO ACCEPT.' SO NOW I'M GLAD, TOO.'

After the prom, there were other dates with Fred...lots of them! We went places and did things together. And I knew I was deeply in love! A real true love that would last as long as we could be together... as long as we both had each other!

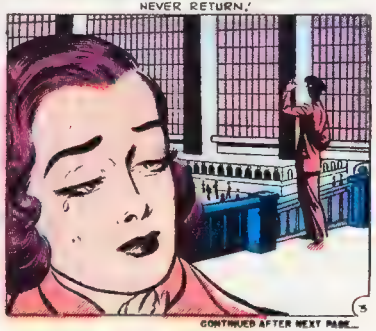
We became very close...two hearts that beat as one and we promised each other that someday we'd be married!

...and then, when we get out of college I'll have a job and we'll be man and wife!
Oh, Fred, darling, I love you so very much! We belong to each other so completely!

But it wasn't to be! The dreams of our young life were to be torn and scattered with the winds of the earth...we were to be separated...

And then, almost before I knew it, he was in uniform and ready to go overseas! I knew and understood the things he was going to fight for, but yet, my child's heart cried out for my love...

And then, as he left, my heart cried out as if it had been cut with a knife! It was as if I knew then and there, that my love would never... never return!



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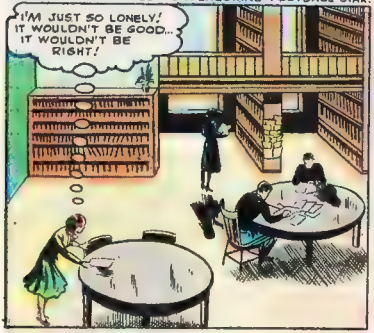
AND THAT WAS THREE YEARS AGO! NOW I WAS A SENIOR IN COLLEGE, PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN TEACHING! THERE WOULD NEVER BE ANOTHER LOVE THAT COULD BE LOST, BRINGING PAIN!

BUT THERE WAS A DOUBT THAT TWISTED IN MY SOUL LIKE A RAZOR! WAS I DOING THE RIGHT THING? WHY WAS I SO ATTRACTED TO A LAUGHING FOOTBALL STAR?



MY HEART LEAPED UP WHEN I SAW JIM! BUT JUST FOR AN INSTANT, AND THEN I GREW COLD!

I STARTED TO PROTEST, BUT HE CUT ME OFF...

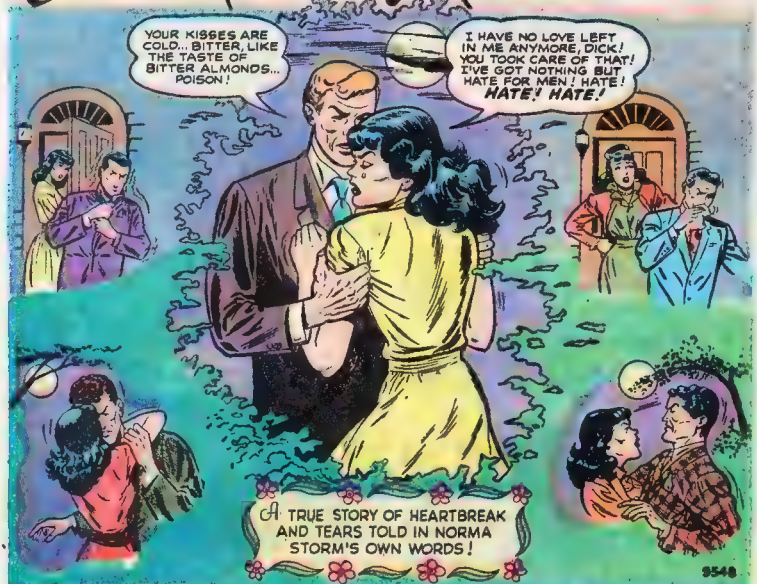
NOW, YOU LISTEN TO ME FOR ONCE! YOU'RE A LITTLE FOOL AND A COWARD! BUT I'VE LOVED YOU FOR A LONG TIME! I CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE AFRAID OF BECAUSE I ONCE HAD A SWEETHEART WHO WAS KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT!

HE SPOKE FOR A LONG TIME, AND HIS STORY WAS MUCH LIKE MINE, BUT HE SHOWED ME HOW IT WAS WRONG TO STOP LIVING... AND STOP LOVING BECAUSE OF THE DEAD...HE WAS HONEST AND SINCERE AS HE LOOKED INTO MY EYES!

AND THEN I LET MYSELF BE SWEPT CLEAN OF FEAR BY THE SWEETNESS OF HIS VOICE, HIS UNDERSTANDING AND TENDERNESS... AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT! I THINK THAT'S WHEN I FELL IN LOVE AGAIN...

MY EMBRACE WAS COLD... MY KISSES WERE LIKE ICE... THIS IS MY STORY... THE STORY OF...

The Bitter Kisses of Norma Storm


YOUR KISSES ARE COLD... BITTER, LIKE THE TASTE OF BITTER ALMONDS... POISON!
I HAVE NO LOVE LEFT IN ME ANYMORE, DICK! YOU TOOK CARE OF THAT! I'VE GOT NOTHING BUT HATE FOR MEN! HATE! HATE! HATE!
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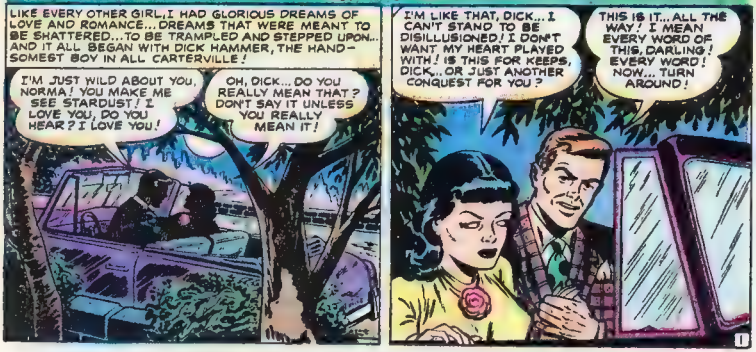
LIKE EVERY OTHER GIRL, I HAD GLORIOUS DREAMS OF LOVE AND ROMANCE... DREAMS THAT WERE MEANT TO BE SHATTERED... TO BE TRAMPLED AND STEPPED UPON... AND IT ALL BEGAN WITH DICK HAMMER, THE HANDSOMEST BOY IN ALL CARTERVILLE!
I'M JUST WILD ABOUT YOU, NORMA! YOU MAKE ME SEE STARDUST! I LOVE YOU, DO YOU HEAR? I LOVE YOU!
OH, DICK... DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT? DON'T SAY IT UNLESS YOU REALLY MEAN IT!
I'M LIKE THAT, DICK... I CAN'T STAND TO BE DISILLUSIONED! I DON'T WANT MY HEART PLAYED WITH! IS THIS FOR KEEPS, DICK... OR JUST ANOTHER CONQUEST FOR YOU?
THIS IS IT... ALL THE WAY! I MEAN EVERY WORD OF THIS, DARLING! EVERY WORD! NOW... TURN AROUND!
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THE TOUCH OF HIS LIPS ON MINE WAS LIKE MAGIC! THE LOVE OF A BOY LIKE DICK WAS THE SORT EVERY GIRL DREAMED OF! THIS WAS HEAVEN! THIS WAS A DREAM FROM WHICH I PRAYED I WOULD NEVER WAKEN!
BUT... THERE ALWAYS IS AN AWAKENING...
SORRY TO BREAK THIS UP, FOLKS, BUT THERE'S NO MOONLIGHT PARKING ALLOWED HERE!
FOR PETE'S SAKE! A COP! ON YOUR WAY, BUSTER! I'M A TAX PAYER!
DICK, PLEASE! LET'S GO!
NO! WHY SHOULD WE? JUST BECAUSE THIS BRASS-BUTTONED COSSACK TELLS ME TO? NOT ON YOUR LIFE! GIMME ANOTHER KISS, BABY!
LISTEN, MAC...!
DICK! PLEASE!
THE POLICEMAN GRABBED DICK IN A GRIP OF IRON AND PULLED HIM UP TO HIM, HIS VOICE WAS SOFT, BUT EDGED WITH THE HINT OF A SMOULDERING TEMPER!
IF YOU'VE GOT ANY RESPECT AT ALL FOR THIS GIRL'S FEELINGS, YOU'LL DO AS I SAY AND AVOID EMBARRASSMENT FOR HER! THAT'S MY LAST WORD TO YOU! THE REST IS UP TO YOU! BEAT IT!
OH... ALL RIGHT! YOU NEEDN'T GET TOUGH ABOUT IT! COME ON, NORMA! THESE GUYS JUST AIN'T GOT NO ROMANCE!
IT WAS AN AWFUL ENDING TO WHAT HAD BEEN THE MOST ROMANTIC AND HAPPIEST EVENING OF MY LIFE! I TRIED TO FORGET THE UNPLEASANT INTERLUDE WHEN DICK KISSED ME GOOD NIGHT...
TILL TOMORROW, DARLING! FROM NOW ON WE'RE GOING TO BE THE TWO HAPPIEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!
SWEETHEART!
I LOVED DICK WITH A MADNESS THAT WAS ALMOST UNREASONABLE! HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN THE GAY LOTHARIO OF OUR CROWD, PLAYING THE FIELD! BUT NOW IT WAS DIFFERENT! NOW HE WAS READY TO SETTLE DOWN! I WENT TO SLEEP WITH DREAMS OF THE HAPPINESS THAT WAS COMING TO US!
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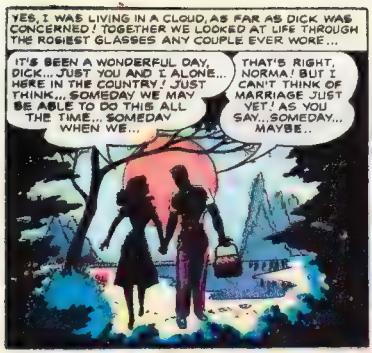
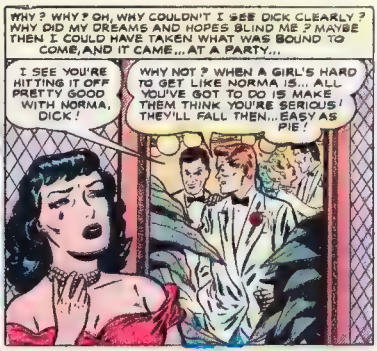
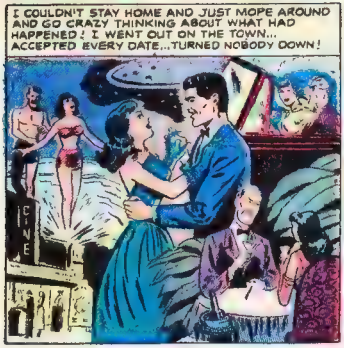

YES, I WAS LIVING IN A CLOUD, AS FAR AS DICK WAS CONCERNED! TOGETHER WE LOOKED AT LIFE THROUGH THE ROSIEST GLASSES ANY COUPLE EVER WORE...
IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL DAY, DICK... JUST YOU AND I ALONE... HERE IN THE COUNTRY! JUST THINK... SOMEDAY WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO THIS ALL THE TIME... SOMEDAY WHEN WE...
THAT'S RIGHT, NORMA! BUT I CAN'T THINK OF MARRIAGE JUST YET! AS YOU SAY... SOMEDAY... MAYBE...


WHY? WHY? OH, WHY COULDN'T I SEE DICK CLEARLY? WHY DID MY DREAMS AND HOPES BLIND ME? MAYBE THEN I COULD HAVE TAKEN WHAT WAS BOUND TO COME, AND IT CAME... AT A PARTY...
I SEE YOU'RE HITTING IT OFF PRETTY GOOD WITH NORMA, DICK!
WHY NOT? WHEN A GIRL'S HARD TO GET LIKE NORMA IS... ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS MAKE THEM THINK YOU'RE SERIOUS! THEY'LL FALL THEN... EASY AS PIE!

EASY AS PIE, EH? WELL HERE'S THE PIE... RIGHT IN YOUR FACE!
NOR...

THAT WAS THE END..THE END OF THAT LITTLE AFFAIR... THE END OF ALL MY FAITH IN MEN... THE END OF THE ROSINESS OF LIFE!
SO THAT'S ALL I MEANT TO HIM! NOTHING BUT A FALL GIRL FOR HIS EGO! I'M THROUGH! FROM NOW ON I'M TREATING MEN EXACTLY AS HE TREATED ME! I'LL MAKE THEM SUFFER AS HE'S MADE ME SUFFER!


I COULDN'T STAY HOME AND JUST MOPE AROUND AND GO CRAZY THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED! I WENT OUT ON THE TOWN... ACCEPTED EVERY DATE... TURNED NOBODY DOWN!
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BUT WHEN I KISSED MY DATES GOOD NIGHT, THERE WAS NO WARMTH IN MY LIPS... SOMETHING INSIDE HAD DIED, TAKING WITH IT ALL THE TENDERNESS AND AFFECTION THAT HAD ONCE BEEN SO LARGE A PART OF ME.
GOOD NIGHT, HARRY! THANKS FOR A NICE TIME!
HUH? BUT..
HOW ABOUT A REAL KISS?
GOOD NIGHT, HARRY!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF NAME I GOT AROUND TOWN... AND I DIDN'T CARE! ALL I WANTED WAS TO ERASE THE MEMORY OF THE BITTERNESS OF WHAT DICK HAD DONE TO MY HEART! I HURT MEN AS I HAD BEEN HURT... FOR INSTANCE, THERE WAS MARSHALL JEFFRIES...

I'M VERY SERIOUS ABOUT YOU, NORMA! IF YOU'D ONLY COME DOWN OFF THAT MERRY-GO-ROUND YOU'RE RIDING! YOU'RE HEADING FOR A FALL... A HARD FALL!

I'VE HAD MY FALL, MARSHALL! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I CAN TAKE IT!

YOU'RE NOT FAIR TO YOURSELF, DARLING! YOU'RE YOUNG... BEAUTIFUL... DESIRABLE... BUT YOU'RE NOT GIVING YOURSELF ANYTHING IN LIFE! YOUTH IS MADE FOR LOVE... ROMANCE... FOR KISSES!

AND WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM KISSING ME?

HE CRUSHED ME TO HIM! HIS LIPS PRESSED DOWN ON MINE! I SHOULD HAVE FELT THE WARMTH AND DIZZINESS THAT SUCH KISSES USED TO BRING ME... BUT INSTEAD I FELT NOTHINGNESS!

THEN HE FLUNG ME AWAY FROM HIM AS IF I WERE A REPULSIVE THING!

YOUR KISSES ARE COLD .. BITTER! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, NORMA? AREN'T YOU A WOMAN? IT'S LIKE KISSING A STONE STATUE!

TAKE ME HOME, MARSHALL! I'M BORED!

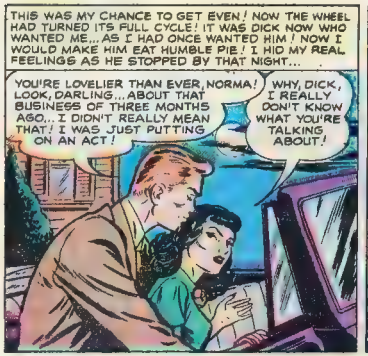
ALL RIGHT, BUT I'LL TELL YOU THIS... SOMEBODY MUST HAVE HURT YOU PRETTY BADLY FOR YOU TO WANT TO HURT MEN LIKE THIS...! BUT THE POINT IS THAT YOU'RE HURTING YOURSELF! YOU'RE NOT NORMAL! STOP FIGHTING WHATEVER YOU'RE TRYING TO FIGHT AND GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK! I COULD LOVE YOU, NORMA! I...

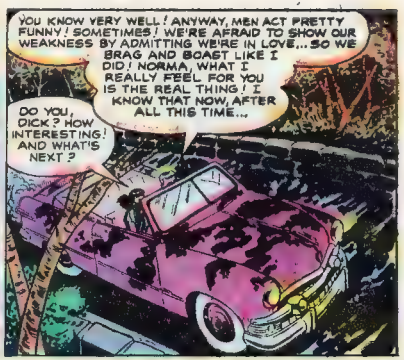
NEVER MIND TAKING ME HOME! I'LL GO ALONE!

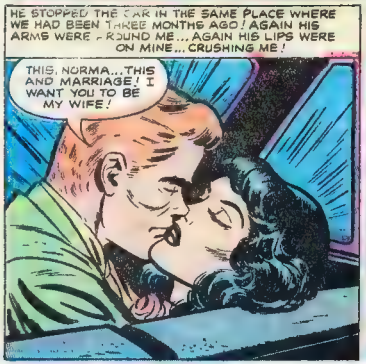
HIS ACCUSATIONS RANKLED IN MY EARS... BECAUSE THEY WERE TRUE, EVERY WORD OF THEM! I HATED MEN... I HATED DICK HAMMER... AND YET WHEN HE CALLED ME UP AFTER THREE MONTHS, WHY DID MY HEART BEAT MADLY AT THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE?

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, NORMA... COULD I SEE YOU... TONIGHT? THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU...'

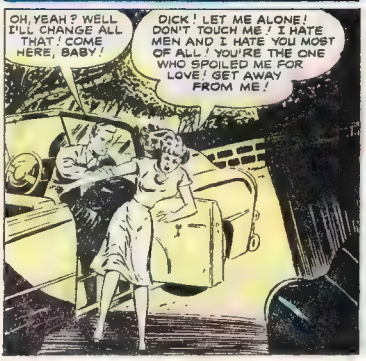
ALL RIGHT, DICK! PICK ME UP AT EIGHT!


THIS WAS MY CHANCE TO GET EVEN! NOW THE WHEEL HAD TURNED ITS FULL CYCLE! IT WAS DICK NOW WHO WANTED ME... AS I HAD ONCE WANTED HIM! NOW I WOULD MAKE HIM EAT HUMBLE PIE! I HID MY REAL FEELINGS AS HE STOPPED BY THAT NIGHT...
YOU'RE LOVELIER THAN EVER, NORMA! LOOK, DARLING... ABOUT THAT BUSINESS OF THREE MONTHS AGO... I DIDN'T REALLY MEAN THAT! I WAS JUST PUTTING ON AN ACT!
WHY, DICK, I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!


YOU KNOW VERY WELL! ANYWAY, MEN ACT PRETTY FUNNY! SOMETIMES! WE'RE AFRAID TO SHOW OUR WEAKNESS BY ADMITTING WE'RE IN LOVE... SO WE BRAG AND BOAST LIKE I DID! NORMA, WHAT I REALLY FEEL FOR YOU IS THE REAL THING! I KNOW THAT NOW, AFTER ALL THIS TIME...
DO YOU, DICK? HOW INTERESTING! AND WHAT'S NEXT?


HE STOPPED THE CAR IN THE SAME PLACE WHERE WE HAD BEEN THREE MONTHS AGO! AGAIN HIS ARMS WERE AROUND ME... AGAIN HIS LIPS WERE ON MINE... CRUSHING ME!
THIS, NORMA... THIS AND MARRIAGE! I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE!

I HAD BEEN WAITING SO LONG FOR THIS MOMENT! IT WAS MY MOMENT OF REVENGE! I WAS READY TO LAUGH AT HIM! TO LAUGH IN HIS FACE... BUT...
NORMA... WHAT'S THE MATTER...? YOUR KISS... IT'S BITTER, LIKE THE TASTE OF BITTER ALMONDS... OF POISON...!
YES... I KNOW! I HAVE NO LOVE LEFT IN ME ANYMORE! YOU TOOK CARE OF THAT! I'VE GOT NOTHING BUT HATE FOR MEN!


OH, YEAH? WELL I'LL CHANGE ALL THAT! COME HERE, BABY!
DICK! LET ME ALONE! DON'T TOUCH ME! I HATE MEN AND I HATE YOU MOST OF ALL! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SPOILED ME FOR LOVE! GET AWAY FROM ME!

YOU HEARD THE LADY, BUSTER! LET HER ALONE!
HUH? YOU AGAIN...! WHY YOU CHEAP COP...! I'LL HAVE YOUR JOB! I'LL...
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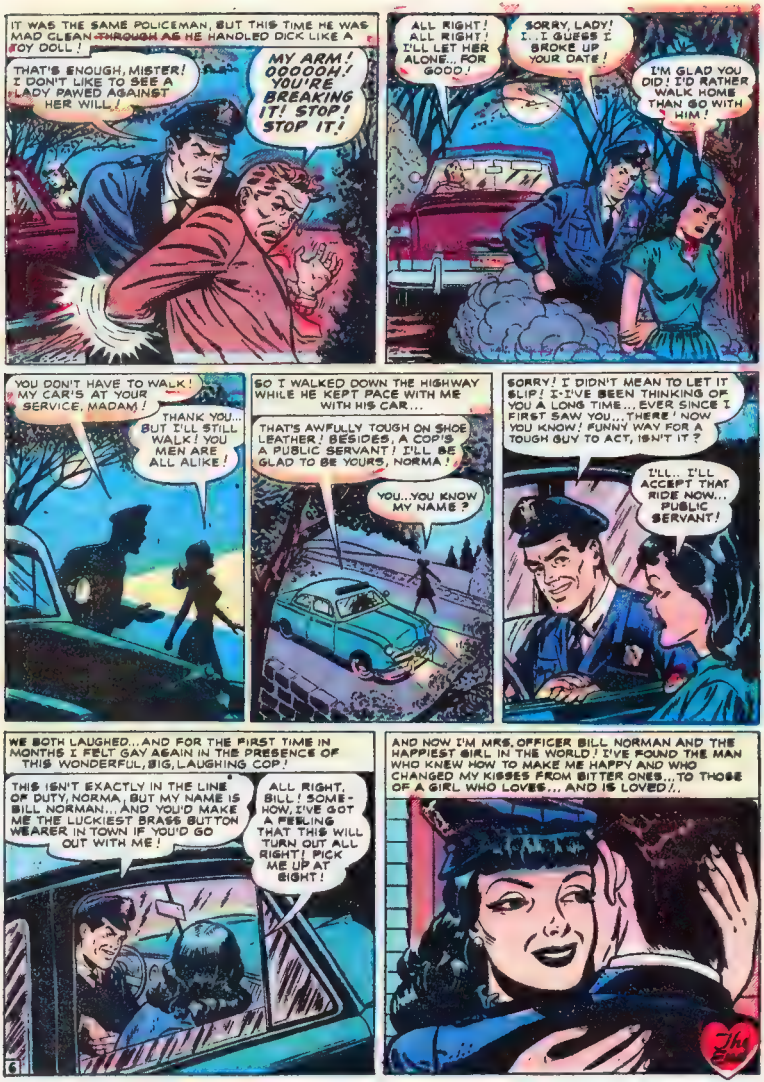
IT WAS THE SAME POLICEMAN, BUT THIS TIME HE WAS MAD CLEAN THROUGH AS HE HANDLED DICK LIKE A TOY DOLL!
THAT'S ENOUGH, MISTER! I DON'T LIKE TO SEE A LADY PAWED AGAINST HER WILL!
MY ARM! OOOOOH! YOU'RE BREAKING IT! STOP! STOP IT!
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'LL LET HER ALONE... FOR GOOD!
SORRY, LADY! I... I GUESS I BROKE UP YOUR DATE!
I'M GLAD YOU DID! I'D RATHER WALK HOME THAN GO WITH HIM!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK! MY CAR'S AT YOUR SERVICE, MADAM!
THANK YOU... BUT I'LL STILL WALK! YOU MEN ARE ALL ALIKE!
SO I WALKED DOWN THE HIGHWAY WHILE HE KEPT PACE WITH ME WITH HIS CAR...
THAT'S AWFULLY TOUGH ON SHOE LEATHER! BESIDES, A COP'S A PUBLIC SERVANT! I'LL BE GLAD TO BE YOURS, NORMA!
YOU...YOU KNOW MY NAME?
SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO LET IT SLIP! I-I'VE BEEN THINKING OF YOU A LONG TIME... EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW YOU...THERE! NOW YOU KNOW! FUNNY WAY FOR A TOUGH GUY TO ACT, ISN'T IT?
I'LL... I'LL ACCEPT THAT RIDE NOW... PUBLIC SERVANT!
WE BOTH LAUGHED... AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS I FELT GAY AGAIN IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS WONDERFUL, BIG, LAUGHING COP!
THIS ISN'T EXACTLY IN THE LINE OF DUTY, NORMA, BUT MY NAME IS BILL NORMAN... AND YOU'D MAKE ME THE LUCKIEST BRASS BUTTON WEARER IN TOWN IF YOU'D GO OUT WITH ME!
ALL RIGHT, BILL! SOMEHOW, I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT THIS WILL TURN OUT ALL RIGHT! PICK ME UP AT EIGHT!
AND NOW I'M MRS. OFFICER BILL NORMAN AND THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! I'VE FOUND THE MAN WHO KNEW HOW TO MAKE ME HAPPY AND WHO CHANGED MY KISSES FROM BITTER ONES... TO THOSE OF A GIRL WHO LOVES... AND IS LOVED!
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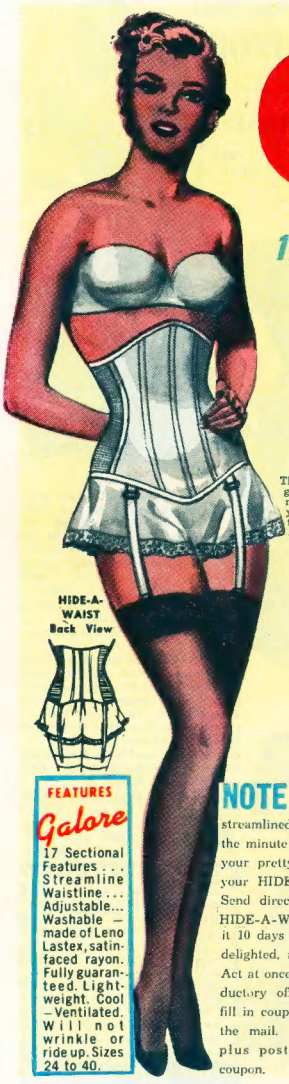

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